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1 15. A rolling element bearing component according to [any of claims 11-14] claim 11,  
2 wherein a surface finish component is produced which requires no further machining.

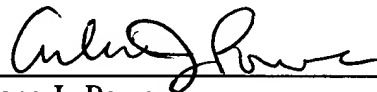
1 16. A rolling element bearing comprising one or more components according to [any one  
2 of claims 11-15] claim 11.

### REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment is submitted in order to correct minor deficiencies noted in the PCT application and to conform the application with U.S. practice.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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